

XXVII. ON TWO NEW SPECIES OF FLOWER  
PECKERS (DICAEDAE) FROM THE  
MALAY REGION.

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PIPRISOMA SORDIDUM, sp. nov.

Differs from *P. modestum* (Hume), of the Malay Peninsula, Tenasserim and Siam in the absence of streaks on the under-surface and of white on the tail, from *P. obsoletus* (Mull. and Schleg.), of Timor and Flores in the latter character and in the duller undersurface, from *P. everetti* (Sharpe), of North Borneo and Labuan in the darker underparts and from *P. olivaceus* (Tweed.), of the Philippines in the duller upper surface.

*Type*:—Adult male, collected on 14th July, 1913, at Rawang, Central Selangor. F.M.S. No. 101/18.

Above dull brown, the feathers of the head with darker centres, the edges of the primaries, secondaries, upper tail-coverts and tail-feathers edged with olivaceous green, broader and greener on the inner secondaries. Beneath dull fuscous, chin and throat and the centre of the belly, whitish; under tail coverts whitish with greyish centres. Under wing coverts and axillaries, greyish, with dark centres to the former; sides of the face and lores greyish brown, malar region somewhat darker. Tail feathers with no traces of white.

*Dimensions* (in skin):—Wing, 60; tail, 33; tarsus, 13.5; bill from gape, 11 mm.

*Remarks*:—This bird is probably only a subspecies of *P. everetti*, Sharpe, Ibis 1877, p. 16; id. P.Z.S. 1879, p. 343, Pl. XXX, fig. 1, from which it differs in its very much darker colour beneath.

DICAENUM VAN HEYSTI, sp. nov.

Nearest to *D. ignipectus* (Hodgs.), of the Himalayan countries and the mountains of the Malay Peninsula but entirely lacking any red in the plumage or any black abdominal patch, which character also separates it from *D. beccarii*, of W. Sumatra.

*Type*:—Male (vix adult), from Beras tagi, Mountains of N.E. Sumatra, collected on 10th June, 1917, by A. D. van Heyst. Collector's No. 517.

Above like *D. ignipectus*, but the metallic colouring with a more greenish cast. Below, throat and upper breast almost pure white, flanks and sides of the breast dusky, slightly tinged

with olive. Abdomen olivescens, under tail coverts buffy with black bases. Axillaries and under wing coverts silky white: sides of the head slaty black.

Wing, 48; tail, 23; tarsus, 13; bill from gape, 10.5 mm.

*Female*:—Differs from the female of *D. ignipectus* in being more greenish and darker beneath, only the breast and abdomen being slightly washed with ochreous buff. (No. 512).

*Specimens examined*:—Three, the above mentioned male and female and an immature male, resembling the female, all collected at the same locality and on the same date.

*Remarks*:—There is little doubt that these specimens represent a species allied to but quite distinct from the continental *D. ignipectus*, the total absence of the black pectoral patch being the most characteristic feature. They cannot apparently be referred to *Dicaeum sollicitans*, Hartert from Java.